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IM 2010- 005

Presentation of Concepts Jointly Designed by the Parks and Open Space Commission and the Arts Commission to Enhance the Area Around the "Spirit of The Wind" Kinetic Sculptures

Agenda Date: March 23, 2010

Attachments:

- a. Design Concepts
- c. Plant Details/Notes
- b. Landscape Cost Estimates

Issue/Request:

Over the past several months, the Parks and Open Space Advisory Commission has worked with the Arts Advisory Commission to discuss and create potential enhancement concepts for the area in the immediate vicinity of the "Spirit of the Wind" kinetic art sculptures that are located west of Centennial Park and visible from Colorado Boulevard. The Commissions will be presenting various elements that could be considered by the Board for the enhancement project.

Submitted by: Derek Todd
Town Administrator

Approved for Presentation: 
Town Administrator

AV Use Anticipated Projector X Laptop _____ Document Camera X

Certification of Board Review:

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Detail of Issue/Request:

As the Board is aware, the Town has recently added a grouping of wind sculptures south of Centennial Park along Colorado Boulevard. After the sculptures were installed, the Arts Advisory Commission along with the Parks and Open Space Commission discussed the concept of enhancing the area immediately around the sculptures with lighting and landscaping elements. This discussion has taken place over several individual and joint Commission meetings during the past several months and is now ready for presentation to the Board of Trustees. This unique cooperative effort between the Parks and

Open Space Commission and the Arts Commission has produced three different designs for the Board's consideration.

The sculpture grouping consists of eight wind sculptures mounted on top of individual poles that take up an asymmetrical area on the ground that is roughly 200 square feet in size. The sculptures themselves are between 15 and 35 feet off the ground. The enhancements are meant to provide a "sense of place" and a point of interest for those utilizing the trail system. This enhancement project is also meant to act as an additional gateway feature for the vehicular traffic entering the Town of Frederick Along Colorado Boulevard. The three design concepts and cost estimate notes were created through the artistic and technical talents Allan Gill of the Parks and Open Space Commission along with substantial input from members of both Commissions. If the Board chooses to adopt one of these concepts, the design will be refined with the help of consultant staff and then bid out to a firm to construct the enhancements.

Legal/Political Considerations:

None noted.

Alternatives/Options:

Please refer to the attached concept plans and price range approximations in considering the various combinations of options for this project. The three concepts described in rough detail in the concept sketches are all meant to contain ground-based up-lighting features (that would illuminate the sculptures in the evening), but contain varying amounts of landscaping features.

Lighting. The lighting will likely be the most expensive component of the project. The firm that provided the lighting design for the Colorado Boulevard project has provided an initial estimate that there would need to be as many as 3 lights per wind sculpture, with the lighting component sub-project cost being as high as \$50,000. Given the compact nature of the sculpture grouping, it may be that the sculpture grouping could be lit with fewer than the recommended 24 lights (the lighting consultant provided the rough cost estimate without visiting the site and may not have a feel for the compact nature of the sculpture grouping). However, even if only 10 lights were utilized, the cost of design, fixture purchase, wiring, and installation would total roughly \$25,000. In short, a moderate level of lighting could cost approximately \$25,000 and an intense level of lighting could cost \$50,000.

Landscaping. The three concepts provided in this packet, describe various ranges of options that could be included within the final design. The preliminary costs of the three concepts are detailed in the attached notes. Given this information, it may be useful for the Board to consider authorizing three different levels of funding for the landscaping, such as \$5,000; \$10,000; or \$20,000. This would allow for various elements of each concept to be considered within the context of expenditure levels with which the Board is comfortable.

Financial Considerations:

This project was not anticipated when the Town's 2010 budget document was created. However, there is unbudgeted funding available in the Park Improvement Fund and the Open Space Fund where the funding for park projects typically is held. Additionally, there is also funding available in the Capital Facilities Fund where funding for Art in Public Places projects is held. While both Commissions have agreed that the funding for this project should come from both Parks and Arts resources, it is felt that the larger portion of the cost should be covered by the Parks resources. Further, the addition of this project to the 2010 Budget would require a budget amendment in the amount of the total project cost.

Staff Recommendation:

Lighting. Consider authorizing funding for this project component at either the \$25,000 level or the \$50,000 level.

Landscaping. Consider authorizing funding for this project component at either the \$5,000 level; the \$10,000 level; or the \$20,000 level and provide input on which landscape elements contained in the attached Concept sketches are preferred.

Funding Source. Consider what portion or percentage of the project should be covered by Parks funds and which portion should be covered by Arts funds. Further, staff recommends that the total budget allocation for the full project should not be less than \$50,000, as there are still several unknowns to be researched prior to the design's finalization.